

## Interview Summary

**Application No.**

10/673,760

**Applicant(s)**

MCCORMICK ET AL.

**Examiner**

DWAYNE K. HANDY

**Art Unit**

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) DWAYNE K. HANDY.

(3) \_\_\_\_\_.

(2) Mr. Bennett Berson.

(4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Date of Interview: 02 October 2008.

Type: a) ☐ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference

c) ☒ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☒ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) discussed: 5-7 and 9-11.

Identification of prior art discussed: Butler.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: In the interview, Applicant successfully argued that the reference Butler does not teach the synthesizing of the probe sets using the light-directed maskless array synthesizer instrument. The Examiner agreed with Applicant and then agreed to remove the 102 rejection under Butler. The previous Office Action was vacated on 10/20/08 and the case was then redocketed to the Examiner for further searching.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN A NON-EXTENDABLE PERIOD OF THE LONGER OF ONE MONTH OR THIRTY DAYS FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE, OR THE MAILING DATE OF THIS INTERVIEW SUMMARY FORM, WHICHEVER IS LATER, TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.